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- 1. Japanese Patent Publication No. 2001-203623, published July 27, 2001, together with an English-Language Abstract;
- 2. Japanese Patent Publication No. 2001-251233, published September 14, 2001, together with an English-Language Abstract;
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- 4. Japanese Patent Publication No. 2002-135032, published May 10, 2002, together with an English-Language Abstract;
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- 6. Japanese Patent Publication No. 2000-151488, published May 30, 2000, together with an English-Language Abstract;
- 7. Japanese Patent Publication No. 2003-8483, published January 10, 2003, together with an English-Language Abstract;
- 8. Japanese Patent Publication No. 11-266228, published September 28, 1999, together with an English-Language Abstract;
- 9. Japanese Patent Publication No. 2002-232326, published August 16, 2002, together with an English-Language Abstract; and
- 10. Japanese Patent Publication No. 2003-218772, published July 31, 2003, together with an English-Language Abstract.

Reference nos. 1-7 were cited in a Search Report dated February 22, 2005 received from the Japanese Patent Office. Applicant is submitting a copy of the above-cited references, together with a copy of the Search Report. The relevance of the above-identified reference nos. 1-7 has been described in the Search Report. The relevance of the above-identified reference nos. 8 and 9 has been described in the specification.

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